

Information for Mentees

Welcome to Warwick! We know it can be quite daunting to arrive at University and live away from home, possibly for the first time. The good news is that students go through this every year and are here to offer support and guidance on the many aspects of University life. Students on your course, in years above, have volunteered to mentor new students to make sure that you get the most out of your degree and your time at Warwick.

These mentors will offer a variety of things:

- A friendly face who has gone through what you're going through – so you can learn from both their good experiences and their bad.
- Someone who will be able to tell you all about what Warwick and the surrounding areas offer in terms of nightlife, clubs, societies and other opportunities.
- Someone who knows how the system works, and can give you hints and tips to help you get by.
- A source of support through the initial terms, until you become comfortable and confident about undergraduate life. You will probably find yourself needing a mentor less and less as the year progresses, but often friendships form, and it's important to keep the lines of contact open so you don't find yourself lost later in the year.

However, it's really important to remember a few things about the mentor scheme:

- Your mentor is a volunteer, so please remember that. Sometimes your mentor will be busy with other work, so don't forget to be considerate. Your mentor is there to offer advice, not to be your Personal Tutor, social worker, or a ticket to an easy degree.
- If you find yourself having difficulties, your Personal Tutor is there to help and will have the training and skills to ensure that you are well looked after. So if you have problems with your degree or questions about University regulations, they're the person to speak to.
- Your mentor is not an expert or a tutor on your subjects, even if they are willing and able to help. Please use both your tutorials and lecturer's office hours to address difficulties with the syllabus, or you can speak to your Personal Tutor.
- If, after signing up, you feel that you don't need any help, please let the Internal Affairs Officer know. The same goes for if you need advice and your mentor isn't often available – if this happens you *can* be set up with a new mentor who will have more time.

Finally, **don't suffer in silence!** The whole point of this scheme is so that you don't have to.

If you have questions or queries please ask, there will always be people there to help you.